

Appln. No. 10/568,599
Amdt. Dated August 14, 2009
Reply to Office Action of May 1, 2009

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 1, 2009 has been reviewed and carefully considered by the applicant.

In the Office Action, claims 27-42, 46-54, 56-58, and 60-66 have been rejected. Claims 44, 45, 55, and 59 have been objected to as being allowable, but dependent from a rejected base claim.

By the present amendment, the applicant has amended the allowable claims to be recited in independent form, thus placing the application in a condition for allowance with claims 27-42 and 45-62.

Interview Summary

The applicant thanks the Examiner for her time in conducting a telephonic interview on August 13, 2009, in order to discuss the present application and specifically claims 44, 55, and 59, which have been indicated as allowable. In the interview, it was discussed that claims 44, 55, and 59 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present amendments to the claims rewrite these claims in independent form. With respect to claim 44, independent claim 27 has been amended to include all of the language of claim 44, and thus is the same as if claim 44 were rewritten in independent form, and thus is believed allowable.

Claims 28-42, 45-54, 56-58, and 60-62 all depend directly and/or indirectly from presently amended claim 27, which is herein believed allowable. Therefore, claims 28-42, 45-54, 56-58, and 60-62 are also believed to be allowable as they include the same allowable subject matter as previous claim 44, now independent claim 27.

Independent claims 55 and 59 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the claims from which they originally depended. Claim 59 has further been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection to the informality of claim 59.

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Currently presented claims 27-42 and 45-62 are thus in accordance with the actions discussed with the Examiner in the above referenced telephonic interview, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

By the present amendments to the claims, the entire application is placed in a condition for allowance with claims 27-42 and 45-62. Such action is earnestly requested. In an effort to expedite the allowance of these claims, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned directly should any further issues arise with respect to these claims, such that they may be addressed without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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